CHAPTER XII—TRANSPORT

(i) Mysore Government Road Transport Department.

General

1484. Road Transport is one of the major Public Utility Services nationalised by the State, with the avowed objective of providing an adequate economic and properly co-ordinated system of Transport Services.

1485. The operations of the Department were continued in all the six Divisions, viz., Bangalore, Bangalore Transport Service, Raichur, Hubli, Belgaum and Bijapur, with the Central Office at Bangalore controlling them. The total staff employed by the department including Regional Workshops and Central Office was 7,730 (7,181) at the close of the year.

1486. Steps were taken to increase the services on monopoly routes, extending or curtailing the existing services where it was necessary with a view to affording adequate travelling facilities to the public. Action was also taken to afford increased facilities to the travelling public in the Bangalore Transport Service.

Number of Routes operated by the Department.

1487. The number of routes operated by the Department was increased from 704 to 779 and the route mileage from 21,893 to 25,749. There were 837 schedules in operation at the end of the year, including 26 new schedules added during the year. These schedules covered on an average 1,01,212 (94,068) miles every day.

1488. The total effective or remunerative mileage operated by the services of the department during the year was 3,57,35,049 (3,14,87,732). The total number of inter-State routes operated by the Department under reciprocal arrangements with the neighbouring States was 35, of which 26 routes were with Bombay State, eight routes with Andhra Pradesh and one route with Madras State.

Strength of Vehicles.

1489. The fleet strength of the Department at the close of the year was 1,388 (1,426) comprising 1,241 (1,205) passenger buses, 70 (150) goods trucks and 77 (71) departmental vehicles.

Dieselisation of Vehicles.

1490. The ratio between petrol and diesel vehicles was reduced considerably by acquisition of only diesel vehicles consistent with the policy of progressive dieselisation of the fleet during the year. At the close of the year, the

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Department held only 15 petrol vehicles, of which five were being converted into diesel vehicles.

Breakdowns and Accidents

1491. The total number of breakdowns during the year was 2,535 (9,525) and accidents were 468 (433). The above figures work out to an overall ratio of 1·61 (2·93) and 1·27 (1·88) for 10,000 miles and A lakh of miles, respectively.

Parcel Services

1492. The facility of parcel services was continued to be provided in the three divisions of Hubli, Bijapur and Belgaum. There were 38 booking offices and five delivery offices where parcels were accepted and delivery arrangements made.

Goods Transport

1493. The pattern of Goods Transport operations remained almost the same as in the previous year, the bulk of operation being confined to casual contracts only. The gross revenue realised from these operations during the year was Rs. 4·12 lakhs, the earnings per truck mile working out to 155·5 nP.

Finance

1494. The total revenue receipts of the Department during the year were Rs. 476·81 (Rs. 430·31) lakhs, of which Rs. 448·64 lakhs were from passenger fares, Rs. 5·87 lakhs from goods operations, Rs. 10·37 lakhs from luggage and parcel carried and the rest from other miscellaneous sources.

1495. The gross working expenses of the department, including depreciation and interest paid on capital and other adjustments was Rs. 427 (Rs. 380) lakhs, leaving a net surplus of Rs. 49·81 (Rs. 50·31) lakhs. The total capital expenditure during the year was Rs. 130·60 (Rs. 197·57) lakhs.

Conclusion

1496. The relation between the Employees and the Administration was satisfactory during the year.

1497. An implementation committee with labour representatives was constituted by the department and most of the clauses of the Industrial Truce dated 10th January 1958, were implemented with the co-operation of the Labour. Various provisions of the Labour enactments to settle labour grievances at all levels were implemented and the Department paid special attention to provide welfare facilities such as medical aid, sports clubs, reading rooms and libraries.

(ii) Motor Vehicles Department.

1498. There was one State Transport Authority and nineteen Regional Transport Authorities at one for each

Revenue District, as in the previous year. The Regional Transport Officers who were the *ex-officio* Secretaries to Regional Transport Authorities continued to function as Chief Executive Officers of the respective Regions under the Motor Vehicles Act.

1499. Draft uniform Rules under the Motor Vehicles Act have been framed and were under scrutiny. The question of framing uniform Cadre and Recruitment Rules for the Motor Vehicles Department was under consideration during the year.

Administration of Taxation Act and Rules

1500. The Regional Transport Officers were made the Licensing Officers for purposes of the implementation of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957.

1501. The total amount of tax collected in respect of motor vehicles under all heads amounted to Rs. 268,33,128-79 during the year.

1502. The amount of penalty collected for the belated payment of tax on motor vehicles as per Section 12 read with rule 29 of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act and Rules during the year was Rs. 53,902-05.

Appeals

1503. The State Transport Authority continued to be the Appellate Authority against the orders of the Regional Transport Authorities and the Licensing Officers under Sections 15 and 16 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The total number of appeals and revision petitions received and disposed of during the year were as follows :—

	Pending at the beginning of the year	Received during the year	Disposed of	Balance
Appeals ...	128	364	192	300
Revisions ...	68	182	70	180

Fares and Freight Rates

1504. Directions were issued to the State Transport Authority under Section 43 of the Motor Vehicles Act regarding fixing of uniform maximum fares and freights for stage carriages, contract carriages and public carriers to be effective from 1st April 1958.

Inter-State Reciprocity

1505. Reciprocal agreements were finalised with the neighbouring State Governments of Bombay, Madras, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh in regard to the countersignature of permits of transport vehicles on inter-State routes.

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Single point taxation was agreed upon in respect of transport vehicles plying regularly on inter-State routes between Mysore and Kerala and Mysore and Andhra Pradesh. In the case of vehicles plying between Mysore and Bombay, single point taxation was confined to stage carriages only and level point taxation was agreed to in the case of goods vehicles (public carriers). As regards taxation of transport vehicles plying between Mysore and Madras, the matter was still under consideration and taxes were recovered in both the States in respect of these vehicles. Non-transport vehicles of all the neighbouring States having valid tax licenses were exempted from taxes in Mysore, on a reciprocal basis.

Statistics

1506. The total number of cars and non-transport vehicles in use in the State at the end of the year was 17,300 (17,391) including 4,600 motor cycles. The number of vehicles of various categories newly registered was 7,431, of which 1,468 were motor cycles. The total number of pucca permits issued in respect of all transport vehicles upto the end of March 1959 was 8,905 (13,476) and the number of temporary permits issued was 11,060 (8,375). A total number of 14,648 (38,424) driving licenses were issued or renewed during the year, and 6,258 (6,395) conductors' certificates were issued or renewed. There were 2,049 stage carriage routes at the end of the year. The number of fitness certificates issued was 15,708 (7,557).

1507. The following penalties were imposed under the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules during the year :—

1	Permits suspended	122
2	Permits cancelled	157
3	Drivers disqualified	50
4	Conductors' certificates suspended ...	40
5	Conductors' certificates cancelled ...	2
6	Number of cases convicted under the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules ...	759
7	Number of prosecutions launched under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts and Rules ...	2,634
	and	
8	The number of convictions was ...	2,289

Receipts

1508. The receipts under the Motor Vehicles Act and Motor Vehicles Taxation Act and Rules during the year were Rs.2,68,33,128-79 (Rs.2,19,96,025-09).